

ADVISORY BOARD ON ACUPUNCTURE MINUTES

Wednesday, February 06, 2008, 10:00 a.m.
9960 Mayland Drive, Ste. 300
Board Room 3, 2nd Floor
Richmond, Virginia

The Advisory Board on Acupuncture met on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions. Elaine Komarow, Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elaine Komarow, L.Ac., Chair
Betsy Brooks Carr
Marie M. Stephenson, L.Ac.
Jody Forman, MSW, L.Ac.
Marie F. Steinmetz, MD

STAFF PRESENT: William L. Harp, MD. Executive Director
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director-Licensing
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Pamela Y. Smith, Recording Secretary
Colanthia Morton, Operations Manager

GUESTS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Komarow called the meeting to order.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Let it be noted for the record that Ms. Komarow announced the Emergency Evacuation Procedures prior to the meeting.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and a quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED June 6, 2007

Dr. Steinmetz moved to approve the minutes of the Advisory Board on Acupuncture dated June 6, 2007. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Forman moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

New Business

1. Current Legislation-2008 Session of the General Assembly

Ms. Yeatts presented and explained the Bills at the General Assembly that will affect the Department of Health Professions, the Board of Medicine and the Acupuncture Advisory Board.

2. Meeting minutes of Joint Board of Physical Therapy and Acupuncture Advisory Board Meeting-November 30, 2007

The Committee agreed with the consent language for physical therapy dry needling as well as alternate consent language. Ms. Komarow moved to recommend drafting a response to the Physical Therapy Board, which will contain the three agreed upon explanations:

- 1) Dry needling is a technique used in orthopedic physical therapy practice to treat trigger points in muscles.
- 2) Physical therapists who are performing dry needling are not licensed acupuncturists and are not trained to provide a complete acupuncture treatment.
- 3) A complete acupuncture treatment might yield a holistic benefit not available through a limited dry needling treatment

Ms. Yeatts will present the recommendations at the next scheduled Physical Therapy meeting later this year. The motion was seconded and carried.

3. Election of Officers

Ms. Carr moved to leave officers as is. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

4. 2008 Board Meeting and Informal Conference Dates

The Board reviewed the calendar dates for 2008 and confirmed the meeting time in June for 10:00 am, and October for 9:00 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Komarow inquired about the complaint process and possible outcomes. Dr. Harp gave a brief summary.

Ms. Morton asked that board members who needed new ID badges stay to have pictures taken.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: June 4, 2008

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Carr moved to adjourn the meeting of the Advisory Board on Acupuncture. The motion was seconded and carried.

Elaine W. Komarow, L.Ac., Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

Pamela Y. Smith, Recording Secretary